

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 21, 1999

Present: Weaver, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Officer Kim Williams, Police Department; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Gary Schooley, Parks & Recreation Director; Bill Constine, The Independent; Judy Horton; Cal & Karen Hornus; Merilee Lawson; Emma Merrill; Dick & Pat Sanderson; Gene Sanderson; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Marlene Fick; Barry Walter, Hydro-Designs, Inc.; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the June 7, 1999 Regular Council Minutes as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of Item No. 2) Consider Appointment of City Treasurer and the addition of Item No. 7) Discussion on the Collection and Accountability of Cash.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Marlene Fick stated at the last council meeting, she asked if there was an ordinance governing the use of alleys. She further stated Ms. Hitchcock did respond back to her but the response she received did not address her original question. She also stated she was concerned about a 35-foot travel trailer parked in the alley and questioned whether the trailer could legally be there. She asked if Corunna had an ordinance that governs how an alley can be used. Ms. Hitchcock advised the use of the alley has been turned over to the city attorney for review. Ms. Fick stated if the city does not have an ordinance on how

alleys are used then there should be one. Ms. Fick further stated she did not know if the city had a cussing ordinance but advised the city should have one. She also stated she had a suggestion for the city dump. She suggested using community service people to take down license plate numbers or using jail trustees. Ms. Hitchcock advised the jail trustees can not be left unattended. Ms. Fick advised there is a need for restrooms by the playscape. Councilperson Ockerman advised that situation was being pursued. Ms. Fick advised she was at the playscape recently and a young lady brought a dog into the area. She asked if there was a rule about not allowing dogs in the playscape. Councilperson Runyan stated there was previous discussion about placing a "Please no dogs allowed" sign at the playscape. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city can not enforce the signage.

Dick Sanderson asked why cold patch is placed in some holes and not in others. Mr. Crawford advised it depends on the size of the hole. Mr. Sanderson asked why cold patch is placed in the holes after it rains. Mr. Crawford advised the holes are swept out before they are patched.

Judy Horton advised she has the playscape pickets back and plans to have them up by the Fourth of July. She further advised the gazebo near the historical village really looks nice.

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CLOSING OF DAVID STREET WEST OF BRADY STREET: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to leave the regular session and go into a public hearing to consider the closing of David Street west of Brady Street.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

Merilee Lawson explained that David Street has been her side yard and the Beckwith Drain runs along there also. She further explained that the planning commission has requested an easement right for storm drain maintenance that is located on her property. Ms. Hitchcock asked Ms. Lawson if her husband's name should be included in the document. Ms. Lawson advised yes. Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:22 p.m.

Dumond moved, Bayless seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO VACATE DAVID STREET

At the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Corunna, Michigan, on the 21st day of June, A.D. 1999, the City Council of the City of Corunna met to hear objections to the proposed vacation of David Street running from the west line of Brady Street to the Shiawassee River in the city, and no objections having been made thereto;

It was moved by Councilperson Dumond and supported by Councilperson Bayless at the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Corunna on the 21st day of June, A.D. 1999, that the City of Corunna, Michigan, vacate, discontinue and abolish David Street, as hereinafter described:

That portion of David Street running from the west line of Brady Street to the Shiawassee River in the City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan, according to the original plat thereof, recorded February 5, 1840, in Liber B, Page 515, Shiawassee County Records, Corunna, Michigan;

WHEREAS, David Street has never been opened from the west line of Brady Street to the Shiawassee River; and

WHEREAS, Tim and Merilee Lawson are the owners of the property adjoining said David Street and have requested the street should be abandoned from Brady Street to the Shiawassee River; and

RESERVING, however, unto the City of Corunna, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, upkeep and operation of sewer lines, water lines, utility lines, electrical lines, storm sewer lines, drains, drain tiles and their appurtenant valves, hydrants, pumping apparatus, lift stations and accessories, and all public utilities in general, an EASEMENT in, into, upon, over, across, under and through the lands hereinabove mentioned and described. Tim and Merilee Lawson also hereby grant onto the City of Corunna upon the vacating of said David Street the right of easement across this property for the purpose of maintenance, repair, alteration, upkeep and operation of an existing storm drain currently located along the north line of property they currently own and adjacent to said David Street described as Lot 1 Block 7 of McArthur, Castle, and Hurlbuts Addition to the City of Corunna. Vacating said property does in no way affect or change any drain right-of-ways for the Beckwith Drain which was established in 1908.

RESERVING further, title in the respective owners thereof to all gas, electric and communication poles, wires, pipes, conduits, cables, appurtenances and facilities now in, under or over said street, together with the easement and continued right to occupy said street within the right-of-way thereof for public utility purposes with present and additional facilities, and to operate, maintain, repair, replace or remove the same to the same effect and in the same manner as if said street had remained a public way.

On roll call vote, the Resolution to vacate and abolish said street as described with reservations for easements, was duly passed by the following vote:

Yes: Dumond, Ockerman, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SECOND WARD COUNCIL SEAT: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to appoint Cal Hornus to the Second Ward council seat. Councilperson Runyan advised he would like to give each candidate a chance to speak. Mayor Weaver advised the candidates would be given a

chance to speak during the discussion period. Cal Hornus introduced himself and advised council that he had previously served on the council for five years and currently sits on several boards and commissions. He further stated he has no private or political agenda and intends to use his vote for the betterment of the city and city residents. Gene Sanderson stated Mr. Hornus did not satisfy his request last year and he only got the runaround from him. He further stated it was time to get some new people on the council. Councilperson Ockerman stated that Mr. Hornus was very qualified and had done the job before. He further stated that he hopes that Mr. Sanderson would run in the fall. Councilperson Runyan stated he would like to give people the option to speak before a motion is made. Councilperson Ockerman stated it would be a point of courtesy. Councilperson Bendall advised that any discussion needs to be done after a motion has been made. Mayor Weaver advised Robert's Rules of Order specifies that discussion is to come after a motion. Councilperson Dumond suggested that input from candidates could come during public input.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM HYDRO-DESIGNS INCORPORATED: Ms. Hitchcock advised the city's cross connections are not up to date per the State of Michigan. She further advised that she and Mr. Crawford had met with Barry Walter from Hydro-Designs Incorporated to see how their program would work for the city. She also advised her recommendation is to approve their bid for one-year. At the end of the year, the city will review the program to see if it is something that the city needs to continue with or if the city should take the program over. She further stated the one-year program also includes the software package. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the proposal was a budgeted item. Mr. Crawford advised no, it just recently came up. Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to accept the bid from Hydro-Designs Incorporated in the amount of \$13,200 to do the cross connection program for one-year with the money coming out of the Water Fund Construction Projects of year 1999-2000 and transferred into Water Fund Contractual Services. Councilperson Ockerman stated council just did the budget and asked how something like this could just come up. Councilperson Bendall asked if there was money in the Water Fund that could be used. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Councilperson Bayless advised the letter from the State of Michigan was dated May 24, 1999. Councilperson Dumond advised the budget had already been approved by that date. Councilperson Ockerman asked if there was any communication from the State of Michigan prior to that date. Mr. Crawford stated he met with someone from the state on May 13, 1999. Barry Walter, Hydro-Systems Incorporated, explained his company's proposals. He further explained that the city does not have a cross connection control plan which has to be approved before the program is started. He also explained that his company will write the plan and will make sure the plan is approved by the state. Councilperson Ockerman asked what checks and balances would be available if the city manager wanted to check what was being done. Mr. Walter advised the city would be sent monthly updates, and there are 72 different reports that can be printed. He further advised if a specific report was needed, it would be printed and faxed immediately. Councilperson Bendall asked if there would be any training. Mr. Walter advised the city would need

training to run the software if the city takes over the responsibility of the program and to recognize any problems that may occur. Mayor Weaver asked what was included in the \$13,200 quote. Mr. Walter advised the quote included all travel expenses, inspections, re-inspections, daily contact with the city, entering of client information in the computers, entering of inspection data and testing results, monthly status reports, and the development of a cross connection plan which would be sent to the state. Councilperson Ockerman asked what the program would do for the city. Mr. Walter advised the city would be preventing water from getting contaminated and would be trying to keep piping other than water piping from being connected to the water system. Councilperson Ockerman stated the state is forcing this program on the city and council is forcing the program on the city residents. Mr. Walter recommended a town meeting be held to explain the program. Councilperson Ockerman stated there would be a lot of people. Councilperson Ockerman asked when the city had to be in compliance with the state. Ms. Hitchcock advised the state wants a cross connection plan in place. Councilperson Bendall asked where the money should be taken from. Ms. Hitchcock advised the money could be transferred from the Water Construction Projects Department to the Water Fund Contractual Services line item.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall Ockerman, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 6, 1999 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 99-05

AMENDMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to set a public hearing for July 6, 1999 at 7:15 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 99-05 Amendment to Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilperson Ockerman asked why the change is needed. Gary Schooley advised the commission is having a hard time getting a quorum. He further advised the commission's intent is to recruit four additional members who are really interested in the parks and recreation. Councilperson Ockerman stated council appoints commission members and if they are not attending the meetings then they should be removed from the commission.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER BID FOR RMV 1 TON HOT PATCHER: Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to accept the bid from Spaulding Mfg. for a RMV 1 Ton Hot Patcher in the amount of \$8,050. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the hot patcher was budgeted. Mr. Crawford advised yes.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded approve the following budget amendments:

	Proposed	Previous
General Fund Revenues	\$1,406,710	\$1,455,710
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,400,254	\$1,449,254

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

DISCUSSION ON THE COLLECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF CASH: Councilperson

Ockerman stated that whenever cash is involved it seems logical to have two people counting cash and a trail of receipts from one person to another. The trail of receipts will protect those who handle the cash, and will provide a way to trace the cash. He further stated the city should not have a husband and wife collect cash. There should be two different people involved. Councilperson Runyan stated there should be receipts from everyone who handles the cash. Councilperson Dumond stated council would like to have a policy drafted that could be looked at and approved. Councilperson Bendall asked if council wants this policy added to all of the by-laws. Merilee Lawson advised each commission and board are separate entities, and the policy has to be something that everyone can work with. Ms. Hitchcock advised the Michigan Municipal League has been contacted and asked for copies of policies from other cities. Councilperson Ockerman stated he would like to see a policy drafted by the next agenda.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Gene Sanderson asked how many police officers the city has.

Chief Hetfield advised there are five full-time officers and one part-time officer. Mr. Sanderson asked how many cars the police department has. Chief Hetfield advised two cars. Mr. Sanderson asked when the traffic on South Shiawassee Street would be slowed down. The police department sits there once a month or every six weeks for ten minutes. He stated he could not sit in his house without cars racing up and down the road. He further stated the police cars sit out in plain sight and suggested that the police cars sit in the middle of the road with their lights on to slow the cars down. Chief Hetfield advised the police cars have sat down there. Mr. Sanderson advised he has timed how long the police cars sit there. He further advised there are police officers who sit down at the ambulance facility bull crapping with the people in the yard and asked why the officers are not doing anything. Chief Hetfield advised he was not aware of that situation. Mr. Sanderson stated the former mayor told him that he did not worry about the south end of Corunna because he did not go down there. He further stated he has spoke with the state police about the situation and suggested that the state police should patrol the area. Mr. Sanderson asked why the city could not patrol the area since there are five officers. Chief Hetfield advised the police officers are not all on duty at one time. Mr. Sanderson stated there has been two officers riding together in one car and asked why. Chief Hetfield advised the city hired a new officer, and he was in

training. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Sanderson if his concern was South Shiawassee Street. Mr. Sanderson advised yes. Mayor Weaver stated speeding is a valid concern, but there are other streets that have to be dealt with also. Merilee Lawson stated there is a lot of traffic in the city, and it is not going to get any better.

Dick Sanderson asked why the city would buy something when no one knows how long it will last. It is a simple question and no one knows. Mr. Crawford advised it should last at least ten years.

ADJOURN: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:50 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK